

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4 to read as follows:

Returning to FIG. 5, step 188 represents the return of data subsets associated with each of the query statements to a memory space (such as memory 189 190 in FIG. 6) during the execution of step 176. Another preferred feature of the query engine 150 is an auto-brake function, which serves to limit input/output (I/O) transfer elapsed time by the server 186 to a maximum value during execution of a selected one of the plurality of query statements. The auto-brake function establishes a maximum time (such as 30 seconds) during which records can be pulled for a given query statement before the server 186 interrupts that particular transfer and moves on to another query. This prevents the server from “bogging down” by concentrating on one particular transaction for too long to the exclusion of the other ongoing query statement executions.